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FROM WILLIAMS

1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON CONCLUSION OF  
PERMANENT INTERSTATE DROUGHT COMMITTEE (PIC) MEETING  
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REPORTED REFTEL.

2. MINISTERS REPORT AS ADOPTED BY CHIEFS OF STATE PROVIDES WORKING DOCUMENT WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED AS FRAME OF REFERENCE IN DEVELOPING INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR SAHEL. REPORT HAS IMPROVED GREATLY WORK OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS. DONORS APPEARED IMPRESSED THAT PRIORITIES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WHICH APPEARED ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF SAHEL IN LOGICAL FASHION. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE TO INITIATE IMMEDIATELY ACTIONS WHICH WILL INSURE SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM DROUGHT EFFECTS. PROJECTS SHOULD BE FASHIONED TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF NEXT YEAR'S HARVEST, BUILD BUFFER STOCKS, PARTICULARLY IN OUTLYING AREAS, IMPROVE LOGISTICS OF GRAIN SHIPMENTS THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS. APPROPRIATELY, NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS WILL BE LOCUS FOR NEGOTIATING THESE PROJECTS WITH DONOR COMMUNITY. MIDDLE AND LONG TERM PROJECTS WILL BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED ON NATIONAL OR SUB-REGIONAL BASIS AS APPROPRIATE. PIC WILL FASHION ITSELF AS VEHICLE TO IMPLEMENT REGION-WIDE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES. ALTHOUGH PIC WILL MAINTAIN RELATIVELY LOW PROFILE, IT WILL UTILIZE CONSENSUS OF SIX STATES TO SEEK FUNDS AND COORDINATE RESPONSES OF DONORS. THROUGHOUT MEETINGS, SOME DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY FAC AND OTHER EUROPEANS, CONSIDERED DIORI'S SPEECH OF 10 SEPT. A SERIOUS FAUX PAS BUT CLOSING SESSION OF CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING CLEARED THE AIR.

3. IN MORE CAUTIOUS VEIN, WE NOTE THAT MEETINGS LEFT SEVERAL QUESTIONS UNANSWERED. (A) WHAT MODUS OPERANDI WILL EVOLVE FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN DONORS AND WITH PIC? IT APPEARS THAT FOR MOMENT DONORS PREFER TO WITHHOLD ACCEPTANCE OF UN OFFER TO ASSUME THIS ROLE. (B) WHAT FORM WILL STATUTES INCORPORATING PIC TAKE? CONFEREES WERE INFORMED THAT STATUTES WERE BEING DRAFTED, BUT TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE. (C) DAKOURE ROSE TO OCCASION DURING CONFERENCE AND APPEARED QUITE EFFECTIVE, AND WE WERE IMPRESSED WITH CAPABILITIES OF PIC SECRETARIAT COUNSELOR KONATE. WILL THE POSITIVE LEADERSHIP WHICH DAKOURE MANIFESTED CONTINUE? WHILE HIS HEALTH APPEARS TO BE IMPROVING, HE INFORMED US THAT AFTER CONFERENCE HE WILL RETURN TO PARIS FOR MORE MEDICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TREATMENT.

4. ON WHOLE, POINTS WE MADE DURING CONFERENCE CONCERNING NEED TO FOCUS ON SHORT-TERM REHABILITATION AND MARSHALLING SCIENTIFIC TALENT FOR MEDIUM AND LONG TERM PROGRAM DEFINITION WERE CAREFULLY PICKED UP BY MINISTERS AND CHIEFS OF STATE AND WOVEN INTO THEIR PROPOSALS. WE THINK RESULTS OF THE MEETING POSITIVE. OUR CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED, OUR

INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED, AND MAGNITUDE  
OF OUR PAST AID HAS BEEN REGISTERED WITH COUNTRIES THEMSELVES  
AND DONOR COMMUNITY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, A SIGNIFICANT UNDERSTANDING  
HAS BEEN BUILT UP BETWEEN THE DONORS AND PIC COUNTRIES AS RESULT  
OF MEETING, AND THIS CAN BE BUILT ON AS PATTERN FOR COOPERATION  
IS PROGRESSIVELY DEFINED.  
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